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SUBJ: PERAK CHIEF POLICE OFFICER DIES OF WOUNDS

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1. PERAK CHIEF POLICE OFFICER, DATUK KOO CHONG KONG, DIED LATE AFTERNOON NOV 14 OF WOUNDS SUFFERED PREVIOUS DAY IN AMBUSH IN DOWNTOWN IPOH, PERAK, IN WHICH HIS DRIVER WAS KILLED OUTRIGHT.

2. LATE CPO KOO WAS GIVEN POSTHUMOUSLY ONE OF MALAYSIA'S HIGHEST AWARDS, BEARING TITLE OF "TAN SRI." HIS DRIVER RECEIVED POSTHUMOUS AWARD AND PROMOTION FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND WAS BURIED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS.

3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS "TAN SRI" KOO WAS MARKED FOR DEATH BY COMMUNISTS FOR 27 YEARS AFTER REFUSING TO JOIN ERSTWHILE COMRADES FILM MALAYAN PEOPLE'S ANTI-JAPANESE ARMY, IN WHICH HE HAD SERVED AS LIAISON OFFICER IN WW II, WHEN COMMUNIST INSURGENCY BEGAN IN 1948. LATER, FOLLOWING SEVERAL ATTEMPTS ON HIS LIFE, HE SOUGHT REFUGE IN KUCHING, SARAWAK, JOINING POLICE IN 1962 AND SPENDING MOST OF HIS POLICE CAREER IN THE SPECIAL BRANCH THERE.

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4. NOV 14 "NEW STRAITS TIMES" (NST) REPORTED THAT PAMPHLETS

FOUND AT THE SITE OF THE SHOOTING IMPLICATE MARXIST-LENINIST
GROUP OF BANNED COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA (CPM-M/L) IN
ASSASSINATION.

5. AS OF NOV 16 INTENSIVE POLICE SWEEPS IN IPOH AREA HAD
RESULTED IN DETENTION OF 67 PERSONS.
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